

1. (Currently amended) A process for obtaining finished granules of a predetermined substance in a granulation fluid bed, said granulation fluid bed being formed and maintained by a respective flow of fluidification air, the process comprising the steps of:

obtaining granules of said predetermined substance of a predetermined size by growing granule seeds in said granulation fluid bed in a flow of a growth substance;

transferring finished granules in of said predetermined size to a pressurized space below said granulation fluid bed by allowing falling of said finished granules to fall through suitably sized openings of in a base plate on which said granulation fluid bed is formed; and

recovering said granules from said pressurized space,

wherein said recovery step ~~further~~ comprises:

a) collecting said finished granules in said pressurized space in a collection fluid bed, said collection fluid bed being formed and maintained through at least part of said fluidification air; and

b) ~~extracting in a continuous flow~~ said finished granules in a continuous flow from said collection fluid bed to the outside of said pressurized space through a well arranged outside said pressurized space and in fluid communication with said collection fluid bed, fed with the finished granules of said collection fluid bed.

2. (Previously presented) The process for obtaining finished granules of a predetermined substance according to claim 1, wherein all of the fluidification air of the granulation fluid bed is used for the fluidification of the collection fluid bed for the finished granules.

3-8. (Cancelled)

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